

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm. Selectmen present were: Michael Woodworth and James McIlroy. Others present were Police Chief Reed and Town Clerk Sue McKinnon.

James made a motion to approve the Police Chief's contract Addendum. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. The Addendum was signed by the Selectmen and Chief Reed.

Chief Reed advised the Selectmen that the FEMA claim was approved and a check should be received by the Town in approximately ten weeks.

The DWI and Speed Enforcements are underway.

The Part-time Police Officers test is being held on June 30th.

There have been a couple of burglaries and thefts in Town. Most of the stolen property has been recovered. The Police Chief is encouraging residents to lock their homes and vehicles.

The Chief asked for a copy of the Building and Facilities Report. Nancy will give him a copy tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm in order to open the Public Hearing on the Comcast Renewal Contract.

The Public Hearing on the Comcast Renewal Contract was opened at 7:00pm. The Cable Advisory Committee does not have any issues with the proposed contract. Jay Somers of Comcast states that Comcast will provide free internet service to the Newfields Elementary School and to the Public Library. They will provide free video (basic service) to the Elementary School, Public Library, Fire Department, and Police Department. Jeff Feenstra asked if the Fire Department video could be changed from basic service to the next level of service in order to receive the Weather Channel. This is an important channel for the Fire Department especially in times of weather emergencies.

Jay stated that Channel 22 access will be provided to Newfields – this will enable Newfields residents to view the Exeter Public Access Channel which includes SAU 16 and the Cooperative School meetings and events.

Bill Davis spoke with Paul Deschaine of Stratham and invited him to attend the Newfields Public Hearing. He also advised Paul that the Town of Newfields is not interested in spending any funds for a studio to broadcast public meetings.

Jay advised that the Comcast Public Record is available in Plymouth, NH for anyone who wishes to look at it. The Record is approximately 6" thick and is very technical.

The NFL programming has moved to the Sports Package. This programming is owned by the NFL. NFL games will still be available on the regular channels such as ABC, FOX, NBC, etc. Comcast hopes to add some "Big 10 Games" to the Sports Package.

The extension to the current Comcast Contract will expire on October 27th, 2007 and may be extended, if necessary.

Nancy will obtain the information that Jay requested and forward it to him. Once Jay receives the information, a clean copy of the renewal contract will be provided for the Town and the Town Counsel's review.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:18pm.

The Selectmen's Meeting reconvened at 7:20pm.

Checks were signed.

An application for the rental of the Town Hall was approved.

The State RSAs for Discretionary Easements were reviewed.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety approved the grant for two portable radios for the Newfields Police Department.

The Celebration Committee report of expenditures for the Memorial Day Celebration was reviewed. It was noted that the Committee will be asking for an increase in their budget for the next fiscal year.

Correspondence from the Lane Law Offices was reviewed.

The information regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was reviewed and Nancy was asked to forward the information to the Police Department, the Emergency Management Department, and the Road Agent.

Michael is still investigating the sign ordinance issues and will report back to the Selectmen at a later meeting.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 29th, 2007 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer